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To all readers, contributors, donors and advertisers, a very Happy New Year to you. 2024 is shaping up to becoming a very exciting DX year ahead!

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All the very best!

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News

TX5S Clipperton Island –update

This will be the last Press Release before we depart from San Diego on January 11, 2024. We will release periodic updates from the island.

The DXpedition equipment is packed and ready for the voyage to Clipperton Island, the team will begin assembling in San Diego on January 8th. Weather permitting, we expect a 6 day voyage each way, camp setup will take approximately 1.5 – 2 days.

Follow the Shogun

We expect to have a Garmin inReach transmitting Shogun's position at regular intervals. You may follow the ship [here](#): Also reachable from the website: [TX5S.net](https://www.tx5s.net)

<https://www.dx-world.net/tx5s-clipperton-island/>

3Y0I Bouvet Island –update

The 3Y0I Bouvet project is on track. Zoom meeting with team members recently finished.

Whole radio equipment, set of 14 radios, amplifiers and over 14 antennas will be loaded on the vessel in Europe. (We own our radio equipment, we don't need to be begging from any foundations or clubs for \$\$\$).

Winter camp equipment, generators and all important things to make this happen are waiting already in South Africa.

Currently requesting 3Y0I license to be renewed by Norwegian authorities.

So far 190k+ QSOs from T32 land. That is a good prognostic before other trips. We don't care about dupes, you can call us 10 times if you wish to be sure you are in the log.

3Y0K Bouvet Island –update

To date we have secured \$22,000 of the remaining \$150,000 needed to reach the expedition budget. January and February are critical months to achieve the needed funding to make the expedition viable.

We will begin the purchase of equipment not committed as donations and continue to solicit sponsor agreements, but every dollar helps so please visit 3y0k.com and click that little donate button and remember, Century Club Donors will receive a special Thank You regardless of being in the log or not.

Coming in late February / early March we will have the vessel inspection to verify its seaworthiness for the long journey from the Falklands to Bouvet. At this time, we must make the first \$100,000 deposit presuming the boat passes professional inspection so funding is time critical, please help if you can, with whatever you can. <https://www.dx-world.net/3y0k-bouvet-2025/>



J38R Grenada –update

Preparations are ongoing and well underway for a March 4-16, 2024 DX-pedition to Grenada. The group has expanded and as such we have secured a second house / QTH at the ocean in Sauteurs to accommodate more operators. We will be active with three high power stations and one for FT8-RTTY from 10-160m. For the lowbands we have RX antennas.

We will miss the expertise and company of our good friend Ghis ON5NT, who had to reschedule due to a newly emerged priority. Other experienced operators DX-peditioners stepped in and the group now comprises: ON4HIL, ON4MA, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC and ON7RU.

We can say with great pride that we have formed a team of operators who have experience in all aspects of managing a DXpedition. Most of us have already successfully completed several DXpeditions. We will do our very best in trying to get everyone in the log, on as many bands and modes as possible. As Grenada is high on the "wish-list" as far as the lower bands are concerned, we will be QRV on 80m & 160m as well, but we will also give the newcomers the chance to work us as an "ATNO". If a good internet connection allows, we will be able to offer Club Log livestream so you can immediately check whether you are in the log or not. If this is not possible, we will upload the log at least on a daily basis. If you are not in the log, please try again!





Thank you!

Another New Year has dawned! Thanks as always for reading and trusting the #1 online FREE DX news source.

It's our 17th Birthday in April. That's right, in 2007 we started this DX news service. Almost everyday for those ~17 years, we've updated with the freshest of DX info.

If you enjoy reading DX-World for free (we will *always* be free without any paywall or subscription) and would like to become a 2024 Supporter or Donor, then please click the donate button at the bottom of this page.

Only once per year (usually at the start of January) do we make reference in seeking your support because your kind donation really does make a difference in running this website.

Similar to just about every website the world over, maintenance and hosting costs occur. It seems every year these costs rise as traffic volumes grow; DX-World is a major publisher in DX news and in-turn that means a dedicated, fast and reliable website / host is also needed. Last year we seemed to have no issues at all with servers or downtime, and long may that continue.

Every amount helps to keep DX-World running; especially for DXers and IOTA enthusiasts alike, and for the years ahead.

Of course, your callsign will be shown [here](#) as a DX-World 2024 Supporter. Maybe you would like to be a SUPER Supporter or a MAJESTIC Supporter or maybe the ultimate ROYAL Supporter!

Maybe you'd even like to be the first supporter of 2024 !

Thanks again from Col, MM0NDX @ DX-World. Here's to the next 17 years!

DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ are QRV as 3B9AT until January 6. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Robert, 9N7AA has rented a bungalow over the winter period. It is located "at the edge of Kathmandu valley but much higher, with a clear shot from 270-90 degrees, and far enough not to suffer from the crazy man made noise I have in Kathmandu". He will be there during "selected weekends" until the end of February. <https://www.qrz.com/db/9N7AA>

A3, TONGA Darren, VK4MAP is operating as A31DJ (Tongatapu OC-049) or as A31DJ/P (Eau Island OC-049) until January 11. QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via QRZ.com.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Pierre, F4GPK is active from Kourou until January 16. Operation in

'holiday-style' as TO2FY on HF using SSB only. QSL via EQSL.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

HS, THAILAND Brad, VK2BY is once again active as HS0ZNR until January 14. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

J8, ST VINCENT Gert, PA2LO is once again QRV as J8TT until January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

T32, CHRISTMAS ISL The Rebel DX Group is active as T32TT from Kiritimati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati until January 12. Plans are to operate 90% digital Modes, plus CW and SSB, on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

TR, GABON Look for Roland, F8EN (96 years old) again as TR8CR until the end of February 2024. QRV on 30-10, CW. QSL via F6AJA.

V5, NAMIBIA Eric, F5LCX is active as V5/call until January 11. Operation in 'holiday-style' mobile and fixed for a few hours a day. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be operating from Hamilton Parish between January 8 and January 22, 2024. Operation on all bands using CW only. An entry in the NAQP CW contest is included. <https://vp9kf.com/>

Coming up soon

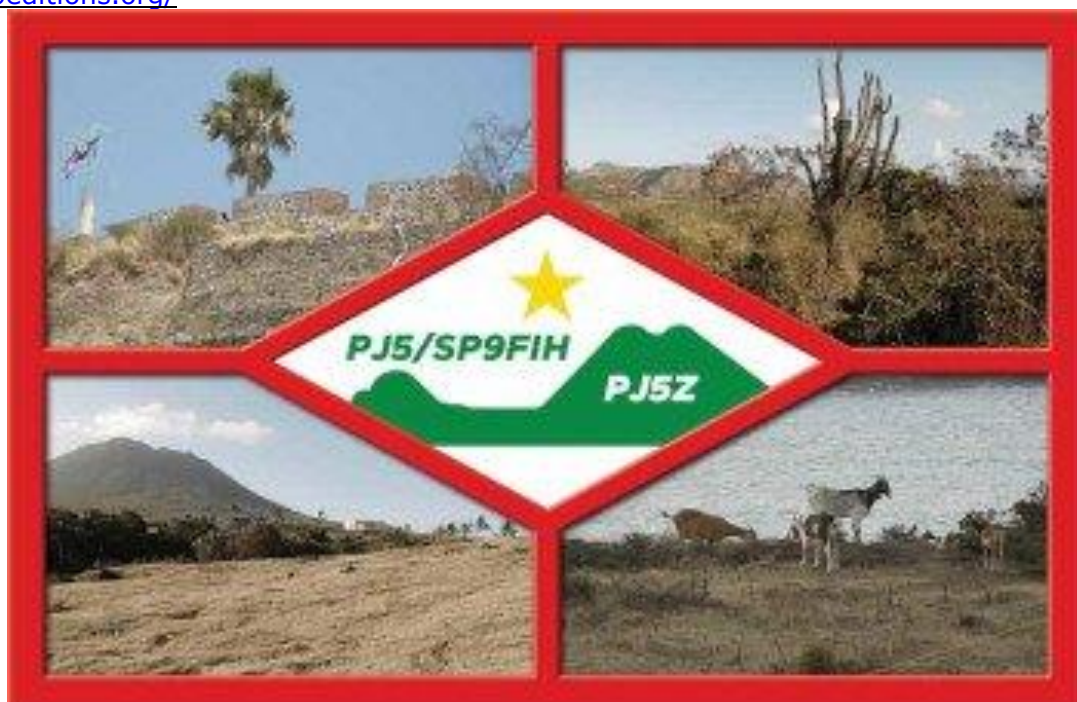
ET, ETHIOPIA Bob, W9XY informs DX-WORLD that he and Ken, K4ZW will be returning to Ethiopia and QRV as ET3AA on various bands and modes during January 12-20. Updates to follow during their next stay. ET3AA QSL via N2OO.

FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxg.net/>

J7, DOMINICA Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ/JD1 will again be active from Minami Torishima starting mid-January 2024 and lasting for 3 months. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Janusz, SP9FIH will be QRV as PJ5/call between January 11 and March 3. Activity on HF and in contests with the call PJ5Z. QSL via Club Log. <https://pj5-2024.dxpeditons.org/>

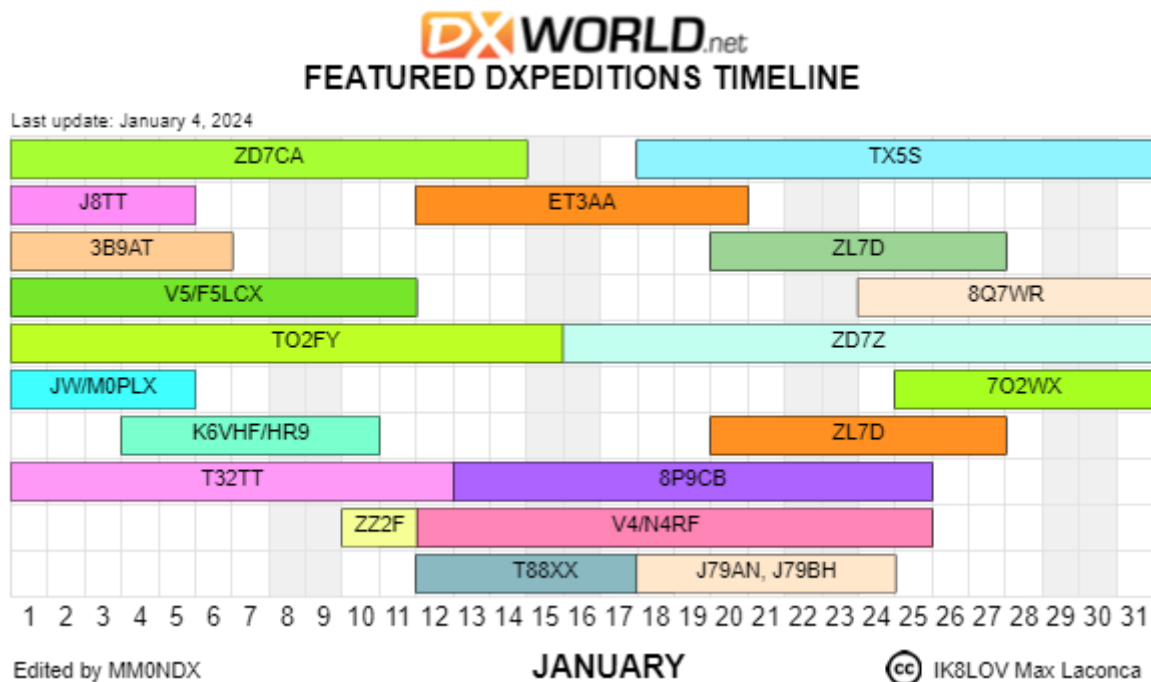


T8, PALAU A JA team with JH6WDG (as T88AQ), JA6KYU (as T88HS), JR6DRH (as T88RH) and JA6EGL (as T88SM) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during January 12-18, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via operators instructions.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Bob, N4RF will once again be active as V4/call between January 11 and January 25, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS or LoTW.

ZD7, ST HELENA Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as ZD7Z during January 16 to February 4. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, DIGI using IC-7300, Hexbeam, vertical and Inverted-L. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log OQRS - Livestream.

DXCC timeline



ANTARCTIC BASES

Casey Station Previously active in 2018-2019 from Macquarie Island as VK0AI, operator Norbert VK5MQ is now QRV from Casey Station when time permits. He has been there since mid-November, and writes that the Antarctic summer season at Casey station is expected to be very busy so it's not known how much time will be available for ham operations. QSL via VK5MQ.

Davis Base Until November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

Vernadsky Research Base Serhiy, UW5EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take JS6RRR will be operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 between January 5 and April 1, 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

AS-153 Sagar Isl A team from the West Bengal Radio Club will be operating as AT42GSM between January 9-16. Operation on HF. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/AT24GSM>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex K6VHF, Paul NO0T and Bill WT0DX are once again operating as call/HR9 until January 10. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

SOUTH AMERICA

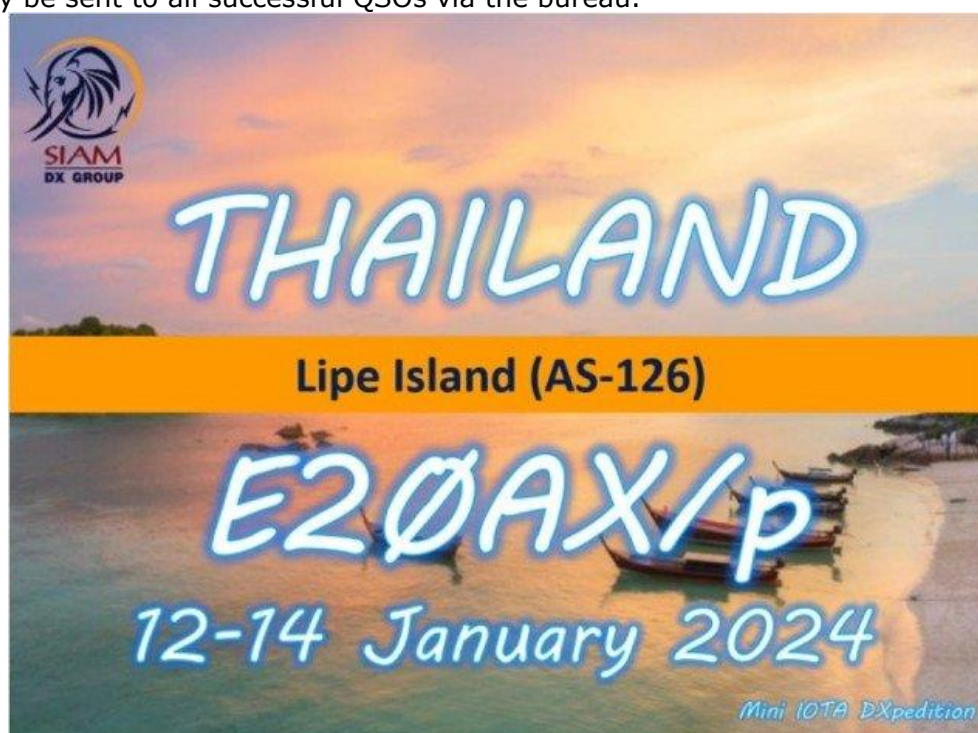
SA-080 Tinharé Isl Look for team ZZ2F between January 10-11, 2024. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via PP2LA.



Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-126 Lipe Isl E20AX/p will QRV on January 12-14. Team will have 2 stations running simultaneously on 40-10m band for CW, SSB and FT8. Ops include HS0ZKF, HS0ZET, HS6SSE, HS3NBR, E25KAE, E20NKB and E21EIC. QSL via E21EIC, OQRS and LoTW. QSL cards will automatically be sent to all successful QSOs via the bureau.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5R, MADAGASCAR Borut, S53BV will be operating as 5R8BV from Nosy Be Island between February 13 and March 3. Activity on 80 and 40 meter using CW and SSB. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, Club Log.

A3, TONGA Pacific travellers W7YAQ, Bob and K7AR, Al will be active from the Nukuma'anu Cottages in Nuku'Alofa, Tonga from February 13-27. Our callsign is pending and will be announced when available. We will use our usual Elecraft K line stations. Antennas include a DX Commander Expedition Model, Butternut HF9V vertical and an inverted L for 160. We also use a pennant loop receive antenna for the low bands. We will be active in the ARRL CW Contest as a multi single effort. Logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

CN, MOROCCO Michel, F5LRL will once again be operating as CN2DX from near Kenitra between January 24 and February 24. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 during his spare time. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.



V4, ST KITTS BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

3D2AD, 5W8A and ZK3M tour

Hrane YT1AD and team will be active from Fiji (**3D2AD**), Samoa (**5W8A**) and Tokelau (**ZK3M** or **ZK3A**) during February 7 to March 1. The main target is Tokelau with activity period of February 15-25. The team is currently YT1AD, YT3M, K1LZ, K3JO (YT3WW), YU3AA, R7KW, VK3FY, LU9ESD, RC9O with his wife UA9OYL. 3-4 ops may be able to join the team, contact YT1AD for info. More info coming soon.

3B8, MAURITIUS David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

5H, TANZANIA Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

5X, UGANDA Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known.

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

60, SOMALIA Team 603T will be operating sometime early 2024. Activity with a focus on the low bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

70, YEMEN Vlad OK2WX will be active from Socotra island AF-028 as 7O2WX during January 25 to February 12. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.

7P, LESOTHO The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 19-30. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

8R, GUYANA "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

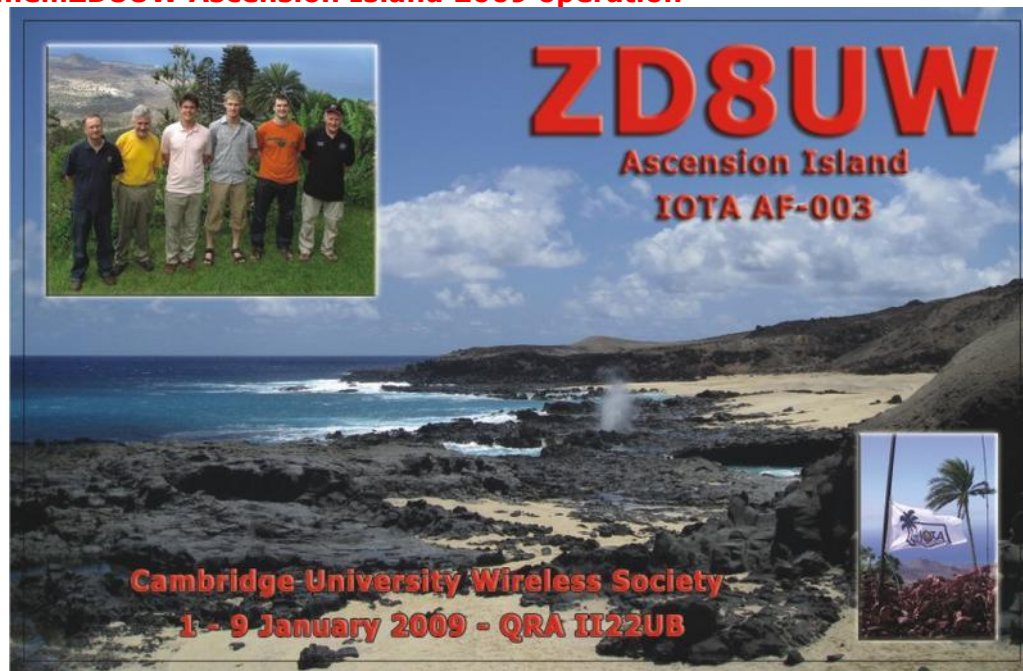
9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

Back in time...ZD8UW Ascension Island 2009 operation



FK, NEW CALEDONIA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be operating as FK/calls during March 10-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16.

An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be active as FW8GC and TX8GC between February 19 and March 9. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

<https://www.c21gc.com/>

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpeditio to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village during early February until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

J3, GRENADA A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow.



J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

Below is a picture from a previous operation.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will be QRV as P4/call and as P40AA during the CQ160 CW contest between January 19 and January 31. Operation besides the contest from 160 to 10 meter using CW, FT4/8, SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI A German team will be active between March 13 and March 26. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations as T32EU.

TY, BENIN Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for

the local radio club TY0HQ.

V4, ST KITTS Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

YJ, VANUATU Takio JH3QFL and Mamoru JH3VAA will be operating as YJ0AA and YJ0MN between February 4-11. Operation on HF using mainly FT8 and Green Cube satellite. QSL via JH3QFL for paper cards or LoTW.



YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during mid-February. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Feb 17-18). QSL via home call.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISL A team consisting ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV and ZL3SSB will be active from the Chatham Islands as ZL7D during January 20-27, 2024. QRV on HF bands using Hexbeams and amps. QSL via EA3FLW.

IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl Look for N4T and W3NY during February 23-26. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using SSB and perhaps Satellite. In addition to POTA, the park is also a contact for Islands on the Air (IOTA) & (USI) and Lighthouses on the Air (ARLHS). Our plans are to activate both Garden Key as well as the Lighthouse on Loggerhead Key.

OCEANIA

OC-171 Magnetic Isl Andy, VK5MAV will be operating as call/4 between February 6-11. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW with some SSB. Log upload to Club Log.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9A, CROATIA 9A100RKZ is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

EA, SPAIN The radio club EA5RCL operates as **EH5XMAS** until January 7. QSL via EA5RCL. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Michel, F8GGZ will be active as **TM700MP** on 5-12 January for the 700th anniversary since the death of Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant and explorer who travelled through Asia along the Silk Road (1271-1295) and gave to Europeans the first comprehensive look into China, Persia, India, Japan and other Asian countries. QSL via home call. (TNX 42DX)

G, ENGLAND The special event station **GB4NY** is active until January 7. QSL via LoTW, Club Log, qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

GW, WALES Kev, GW0PUH will be active as **GB9KW** on 2-28 January using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. Main activity will be over the "KW Weekend" (6-7 January). Other special callsigns are expected to be on the air, e.g. GB2KW (Scotland), GB4KW & GB8KW (England). (TNX 42DX)

HB9, AUSTRIA Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE24BI draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA OE40WO celebrates the 40th anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

OZ, DENMARK Denmark is celebrating Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Majesty King Frederik X. Sunday 14. January 2024, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II will abdicate and leave the throne to her son His Royal Highness Crownprince Frederik, who will be sworn in as the new King of Denmark. For this reason, the Experimental Danish Radio amateurs association (EDR for short) and Faroe Radio Amateurs (FRA for short) will activate six Special Event Stations with the following call signs **OZ24QUEEN - OX24QUEEN - OY24QUEEN - OZ24KING - OX24KING - OY24KING**. Read more info in the attached document and please inform your clubs and spread the message. Latest news on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ24KING>

SM, SWEDEN SK100FRK is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN SK50B is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatörer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2024NY** and **UE24NY** are active until January 8 for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L. (TNX 42DX)

VU, INDIA The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ, Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

W, USA Club station **W2HRU** will be QRV on 1-6 January to mark the 25th annual Ham Radio University educational conference. Look for SSB activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres, as well as FT8 on multiple bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, the W2 QSL Bureau or direct to KA2D. In addition, a printable QSL Certificate will be available. Detailed information can be found on <https://hamradiouniversity.org/>. (TNX 42DX)

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0 through K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 42DX)

W8S QSL cards mailed out by M00XO QSL service



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DL, GERMANY The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK**, **DC100FK**, **DD100FK**, **DF100FK**, **DL100FK**, **DM100FK**, **DQ100FK**, **DR100FK**, **DM100MW**, and **DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, members of Radio Club Liria (EA5RCL) will be active as **EH5XMAS** from 7 December to 7 January. QSL via the bureau to EA5RCL, LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29

December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Jeff, F4IIQ will be active as **TM130SMK** on 5-9 January to commemorate the 130th anniversary since the birth of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. QSL via F4IIQ. Born on 8 January 1894, Father Kolbe (SP3RN) was killed on 14 August 1941 at Auschwitz.

HH, HAITI Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti (HH2RCH) will be active as **HH220Y** on 1-31 January to celebrate the 200th anniversary since the declaration of the former colony's independence (1 January 1804). QSL via N200.

I, ITALY Members of ARI Padova will be active as **II3PUP** on 7-14 January. The special callsign's suffix is an acronym for Patavium Urbs Picta (Padua the Painted City), which refers to the 14th century fresco cycles that have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2021. QSL via IQ3WW; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com.

OE, AUSTRIA Members of the OE3XDC Radio Club will be active as **OE205XMAS** from 23 December to 6 January. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and possibly 160 metres SSB and FT8, as well as via QO-100. The special callsign marks the 205th anniversary of "Stille Nacht" ("Silent Night", one of the most popular Christmas carols, composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct.



ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.

<https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsL.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PA23XMAS**, **PH23XMAS**, and **PD23SANTA** are currently active. **PD24HNY** stays on the air until the end of January. See also: <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA23XMAS> (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating the New Year, special call **PD24HNY** is QRV until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

S5, SLOVENIA Special event station **S524PMC** will be active from 8 December to 8 January 2024 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 6-7 January. Complete information can be found on

<https://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/>. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND SN15AXI honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>



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